

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 were originally filed in the present application. An earlier Restriction Requirement was issued, prompting Applicants to elect Claims 46-50 for prosecution, and to cancel all other claims without prejudice. The Examiner has issued a supplemental restriction requirement, restricting claims 46-50 into the following Groups:

Groups 1: Claims 46-48.


Groups 2-2014: Claims 49-50.

(Restriction Requirement, page 2).

Applicants elect Group 1 for prosecution in this case. Applicants also herein cancel Claims 49-50 without prejudice, reserving the right to prosecute the same or similar claims in one or more divisional applications.

Claims 46-48 are pending and under examination following entry of Applicants' response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement and Claim amendments. If a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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